implemented. No immediate change in the programme strategy is envisaged. To check the infant mortality rate, a Universal Immunisation Programme was launched in 1985 with the objective of achieving universal coverage of children by 1990.

Accidents involving D.T.C. buses

138. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed in Delhi between June, 1987 and June, 1988 in accidents involving Delhi Transport Corporation's buses; and

(b) what are the details of the financial assistance given to the families of the victims of those accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a During the period June, 1987 to June, 1988, there were 200 fatalities in accidents involving DTC buses.

(b) The grant of compensation depends on the awards of the Motor Accident Claim Tribunals before whom the accident victims/their heirs file claims. Besides compensation is also paid on the basis of out-of-court settlement reached between the D.T.C. Management and the claimants. During the period June, 1987 to June, 1988 the D.T.C. has paid a sum of Rs. 67,000 as compensation to the representatives of accident victims referred to in part (a) of the answer.

Views of State Governments' on sex determination test

139. SHRI HARI SINGH:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought the views of the State Governments on sex determination test so as to formulate a legislation to check it;

(b) if so, what are the views of State Governments in the matter; and

(c) by when the legislation in this regard is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The issue was discussed in the meeting of the State Health Ministers held in Delhi on 30th May, 1988. It was felt that there was a need to consider the desirability of bringing a legislation on the lines of the legislation passed by the Maharashtra Government.

(c) No definite time can be indicated. The matter will be examined in consultation with the State Governments.

Superfast Express trains between Delhi and Puri

140. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Ministre of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a superfast express train between New Delhi and Puri; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) 915/916 New Delhi-Puri Superfast service 4 days a week is already there.

Monitoring of the adverse drug reaction at National Level

141. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a what are the details of steps taken by Government to monitor

adverse drug reactions at national level, as recommended in New Drug Policy;

(b) by when data on adverse drug-reactions on Indian population would be generated, for cautioning practising physicians and people at large;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce package-insert of formulations for consumers; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has submitted a Scheme for monitoring ADR at the national level in the Seventh Five year Plan which is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Finance. Once the scheme is approved and necessary facilities are granted, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare would collect data on ADR at the national level and disseminate such data to the practising physicians, concerned association and consumers at large.

(c) There is no immediate proposal to introduce package-insert of ethical formulations for consumers.

(d) in view of (c) above, does not arise.

Inclusion of drugs in category I

142. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the measures announced in December, 1986, all drugs required for National Health Programme be included in category I of DFCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that is no where indicated that only those drugs would be included which have exclusive use for diseases under National Health Programme;

(c) if so, what are the names of drugs which have been excluded on the ground that those are not exclusively used for National Health Programmes, though significantly used;

(d) whether it is a fact that such criterion has not been rigidly followed and certain drugs have been recommended under this situation; and

(e) if so, what are the names of those drugs and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) Although recommendations were sought from Ministry of Health for drugs required under various National Health Programmes, drugs for 6 National programmes have been enlisted under Category I by Department of Chemicals as per criteria evolved by them.

(d) and (e) Department of Chemicals is engaged in examination of various suggestions received on categorisation of drugs.

Use of Paracetamol and Quinine under National Malaria Eradication Programme

143. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3406 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the percentage use of Paracetamol and Quinine in National Malaria Eradication Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the use of these products is 0 per cent to 2 per cent for this programme;

(c) what is the percentage use of Vitamin A in control of blindness